

To: Cristiano, Gina[Cristiano.Gina@epa.gov]
From: O'Connor, Darcy
Sent: Sat 8/8/2015 9:49:02 PM
Subject: Re: Gold King Blowout - need for IMT/RSC members

Hey Gina. Just finished the ride & need to pick up my id at home, head to the office, then I can get Luke & Tina the OPRA contacts. Sorry for the delay.
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Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 8, 2015, at 12:44 PM, Cristiano, Gina <Cristiano.Gina@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello RICT Members,

Due to technical difficulties with our RSC database, we are lacking contact information for many IMT/RSC members. Yet, the GKM situation continues to expand and we need to get in touch with these folks to assess their ability to deploy to Durango (we are expected to deploy a full IMT to the incident) and/or the EOC. When you get this email, could you please contact Tina Artemis (303-885-6422 or email) or Luke Chavez (303-912-7746 or email) to relay the contact information for any of your staff on the IMT list attached. We apologize for this scramble but greatly appreciate your assistance!!

Regards, Gina

From: Cristiano, Gina
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 1:33 PM
To: 'Alfreda Mitre'; Anthofer, Wayne; Bohan, Suzanne; 'Callie Videtich'; Card, Joan; Cristiano, Gina; 'David Ostrander'; 'Debrah Thomas'; 'Eddie Sierra'; 'Joe Vranka'; 'Julie DalSoglio'; 'Kathie Atencio'; Kortuem, Patrice; 'Laura Williams'; 'Martin Hestmark'; McGrath, Shaun; O'Connor, Darcy; 'Paul Logan'; 'Paula Smith'; 'Robert Ward'; 'Sandra Stavnes'
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Hello RICT Members,

As you know, EPA is responding to the Gold King Mine Blowout. Some background:

On August 5, 2015, EPA was conducting an investigation of the Gold King Mine. The intent of the investigation was to assess the on-going water releases from the mine and to treat mine water and to assess the feasibility of further mine remediation. The plan was to excavate the loose material that had collapsed into the cave entry back to the timbering. During the excavation, the loose material gave way, opening the adit (mine tunnel) and spilling the water stored behind the collapsed material into Cement Creek, a tributary of the Animas River.

Initial estimates are that the release contained approximately one million gallons of water (estimated from the dimensions of the mine adit) that was held behind unconsolidated debris near an abandoned mine portal. There were several workers at the site at the time of the breach, all were unharmed.

We have stood up the EOC and have already called in initial IMT/RSC members to assist. We are currently filling Finance, Logistics, Planning, Public Information and Operations sections, along with units/teams under those sections. Because this incident is ongoing, the EOC will be open over the weekend to support operations in the field and we expect this effort to continue into next week. Thus, we will be contacting various IMT members to help us manage this incident. Attached is the most recent IMT roster along with ARAs to give you an idea who may be called (we're still working out our staffing plans so please bear with us as this comes together).

If you have any questions, you can contact me or Martin Hestmark.

Thanks for your support, Gina

Gina Cristiano

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<IMT KLP list from ERT R8 Aug2015.xlsx>